

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-05-1 (TF-05-122, TF-05-123)
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFFS, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
AND APPROVING CORPORATE UNDERTAKING**

(Issued May 11, 2005)

On April 15, 2005, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL) filed proposed gas tariffs, identified as TF-05-122 and TF-05-123, with the Utilities Board (Board). In TF-05-122, IPL is proposing a permanent annual revenue increase of \$19,071,437, or an overall annual revenue increase of 6.43 percent. This represents an average increase of 5.58 percent for residential customers. In TF-05-123, IPL filed a proposed gas tariff designed to produce additional revenue of approximately \$13,373,757, or 4.5 percent, on a temporary basis. The temporary gas tariff became effective April 25, 2005, as authorized by Iowa Code § 476.6(10).

On May 3, 2005, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an objection to the application and a request that the application be docketed and a procedural schedule established. Consumer Advocate states that the issues raised by the application are complex and the establishment of a procedural schedule will allow it and other interested parties the opportunity to make a full investigation into the proposed rate increase.

To allow the Board time to fully consider the proposed permanent increase in gas rates, the Board will suspend the proposed tariff in TF-05-122. The formal proceeding to consider the rate increase has been identified as Docket No. RPU-05-1. Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(16), the Board is scheduling customer comment hearings in Ames, Mason City, Knoxville, Mount Pleasant, and Clinton to provide an opportunity for IPL customers to express their views regarding the pending rate case, as well as the general quality of service provided by IPL. However, persons with specific service complaints must follow the complaint procedure prescribed in 199 IAC 6.2. Specific service complaints cannot be addressed at the consumer comment hearings.

In its application, IPL requests the Board allow electronic filings in a different format than prescribed by 199 IAC 7.2(12). IPL requests permission to file Excel and Word files instead of ASCII and Lotus 1-2-3 formatted files. IPL states that the request is consistent with the request approved by the Board in the last rate case. The Board finds the request reasonable and will allow IPL to make electronic filings in Excel and Word format.

CORPORATE UNDERTAKING

In conjunction with TF-05-123 implementing temporary rates, IPL filed a corporate undertaking in which it agreed to refund any excess revenues it collects as temporary rates, up to \$13,373,757 (plus interest), that exceed the revenues that would have been produced by the final rates ultimately approved by the Board. The

Board finds that this corporate undertaking is sufficient to ensure payment of any required refund and it will be approved.

ORDERING CLAUSES

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. An investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of Interstate Power and Light Company's proposed gas tariffs, identified as TF-05-122 and TF-05-123. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RPU-05-1, a formal contested case proceeding. The expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation shall be assessed to Interstate Power and Light Company in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10.
2. Tariff filing TF-05-123 became effective on April 25, 2005, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.6(10).
3. Proposed tariff filing TF-05-122 is suspended.
4. Consumer comment hearings will be held at the following locations for the purpose of receiving comments from the general public.
 - a. Tuesday, May 31, 2005, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Ames City Hall Auditorium, 515 Clark Avenue, Ames, Iowa.
 - b. Wednesday, June 1, 2005, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Muse-Norris Conference Center (NIACC Campus), 500 College Drive, Mason City, Iowa.

c. Tuesday, June 14, 2005, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Heatilator Performing Arts Center, Mount Pleasant Library/Civic Center, 307 East Monroe, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

d. Wednesday, June 15, 2005, beginning at 1 p.m. in Room 10 at the Graphic Arts Technology Center (Clinton Community College), 1951 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton, Iowa.

e. Thursday, June 16, 2005, beginning at 6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Lower Level West Fellowship Hall, 313 E. Montgomery, Knoxville, Iowa.

Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

4. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. Applications to intervene shall be filed on or before May 31, 2005.

b. The parties shall notify the Utilities Board prior to September 19, 2005, if they desire a prehearing conference.

c. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) and intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony, with the underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before July 25, 2005. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.

d. If Consumer Advocate and any intervenors find it necessary to file testimony in rebuttal to each other's direct testimony, the cross-rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before August 12, 2005.

e. Interstate Power and Light Company shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before August 26, 2005.

f. Consumer Advocate and intervenors shall file rebuttal testimony on any issue raised initially in that party's direct testimony and responded to by another party on or before September 9, 2005.

g. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before September 29, 2005.

h. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before October 6, 2005.

i. A hearing shall be held beginning at 10 a.m. on October 17, 2005, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Utilities Board Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

j. Simultaneous initial briefs shall be filed on or before November 16, 2005.

k. Reply briefs shall be filed on or before December 5, 2005.

5. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

6. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination, which have not been previously filed, shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings. The party making reference to the data request shall file an original and six copies of the data request and response with the Board at the earliest possible time.

7. The request of Interstate Power and Light Company to file electronic filings in a different format than required in 199 IAC 7.2(12) is granted.

8. Interstate Power and Light Company's corporate undertaking is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Executive Secretary, Assistant to

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 11th day of May, 2005.